



The school was opened on its present site by Group Captain Douglas Bader in April 1968, following its relocation from Homefield Park, Sutton.



From its proud beginnings in 1870 to today, our extensively modernised and rebuilt school stands ready to educate the next generation – 'rooted in tradition, prepared for tomorrow'.

Dear Old Boys and Friends of Homefield

From the day that they join Homefield Prep, boys become part of a unique community, which includes not only their peers, but those who have gone before and those who will come after.

We invite Old Boys of every generation to keep in touch and be a continuing part of the Homefield family legacy by sending us updates of their latest exploits and adventures, ensuring that they reconnect with each other and the School.

Friendships forged at Homefield can last a lifetime! Upon leaving the school, you become a valued part of our alumni community.

Whether you have just left or it has been over fifty years since you were last at Homefield, we would love to hear your news.

The Homefield Histories

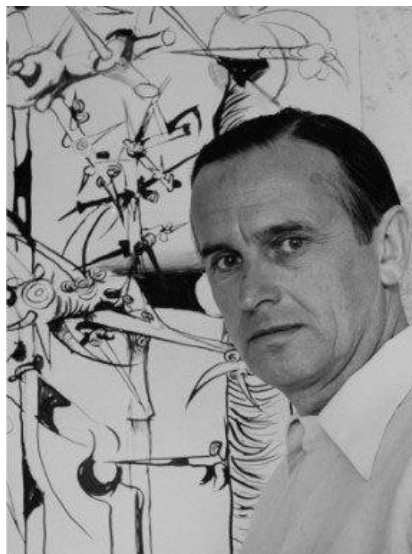
Recollections of Homefield – by the artist Graham Sutherland (early 1900s)

Homefield preparatory School, unique in the minds of many of us in having the marks of a miniature Public School – and one of the better Public Schools at that, was intimate and friendly. Yet its structure and working was of an order to prepare us for sterner things to come.

This was very largely due to the Headmaster of that time, Mr Walford, a man at once awesome and yet tender, and one of the founders of the School. He created an atmosphere and a tradition which I believe exists to this day. Surrounding himself was an excellent staff, he created a closely knit unity of staff and pupils and there was no facet of this entity of which he was ignorant.

I was hardly aware of it at the time, I believe we were subtly fitted with an eagerness to learn and compete, not only in school but in sport – a great feature and excellently organised.

I will spare those who may read this, my strong nostalgia for the place, except to say that as I think back, I am conscious that my days at Homefield gave me a warm complex of emotions: that one was looked after, that one mattered, that one was encouraged and that one could make friends, could learn and want to learn. For this, I shall always be grateful.



Homefield Old Boy; Graham Sutherland

Revd George Coppin (1946 – 1952)

I have just been looking at the Homefield website and was amazed at how the school has not only grown in size but also in excellence in teaching and in nurture. It is so different to the school of the late forties and early fifties of the previous century.

I with my twin brother Pete (and elder brother David who left in 1950), were at the school from 1946 to 1952 when Charles Walford was owner and Headmaster. It was a formidable school in those days and for the most part housed in what seemed to be in pine walled buildings clad in corrugated iron, the exceptions being Grove House and The Limes.

The classrooms and boarding accommodation were spartan, but this is not surprising as these were immediate post-war years. They were inefficiently heated by single coke stoves and the dormitories, not at all.

Discipline was in the spirit of Sparta which made good preparation for public school and military service afterwards where stoicism was a pre-condition of success.

On the sports field, Walford or 'Wally' as we knew him, was happy if we won but if we lost, he made it clear that we had let him down. I still think back with a certain pride in that I was the last Homefield boy to be awarded football colours by him in December of 1952 just before he died in 1953. Thank goodness the ethos of schooling has changed since these days as the only way of coping with it all was by developing a sort of masochism which made it all rather fun when it most decidedly wasn't. Perhaps Rudyard Kipling expresses all of this in his poem 'If'.

Walford had a kind heart. During the winter, we used to put water down on the small playground to create an ice slide. At the morning break, he would stand at one end acting as a buffer for us sliders whereas other members of staff would lay ashes on it.

Good memories even if seemingly small are there, memories of .22 target shooting, of stag beetles on the fence, of playing cricket after breakfast in the playground, of military style PE classes from Mr Cornford, of Walford shouting from the touch-line, of one bath a week or was it two, and the smell of coffee being roasted in a shop in Grove Road. With rationing, I am not quite sure how Olive the cook, a lovely person, managed to provide meals for day and full-time boarders but she did, even if the suet puddings were quite inedible. After such food and that of Marlborough afterwards, army food was a banquet fit for kings even if not appreciated by all my fellow soldiers. Olive's real redemption was her battered fried slices of marmite bread.

After leaving the army and after university, I settled and married in what is now Zimbabwe, taught at Thornhill High School, Gweru and then became an officer of the then Rhodesian Parliament



On return to this country in 1975, I taught at Durham School, became an Anglican priest working in the Oxford Diocese and a sessional psychotherapist at HMP Grendon. I have fond memories of Homefield and am delighted to see it move from strength to strength...

“That is how my life at Homefield Prep began” Some recollections of an Old Boy – Jonathan Bell

Being deposited by my parents as a new boy boarder at Homefield Preparatory School in 1949 was a daunting experience for a 9-year old boy from Australia and one which I shall never forget.

I recall that I was determined to deal with the occasion manfully and accordingly any inclination to show emotion or any sign of tears was to be rigorously resisted – if I failed, Mother would be reduced to floods and, whatever else, that had to be avoided at all costs!

It soon became apparent that I had set the bar very high for myself and I was on a razor's edge. As we arrived at the school, speech was becoming increasingly difficult. Time seemed to be flying past faster than ever before. My dread of being left alone in foreign surroundings with no friends was swiftly becoming a reality.

It was then that I first met Matron, a most kind and motherly woman of whom I would become very fond during my time at Homefield. Matron's many years before the mast clearly left her in no doubt about the demons that I was then confronting.

My parents reassured me that they would visit me at the very first available opportunity, bid me farewell and then clopped off into oblivion down the linoleum covered floor of the main entrance hall.

Matron slid her hand into mine and drew me towards another equally bereft youth. “Here's someone you might know” she trilled brightly, “- he's from New Zealand.”

The naivety of Matron's ‘helpful’ remark amused me greatly and I began to smile. It was the tonic I needed. That is how my life at Homefield Prep began – and a very happy chapter of my life it proved to be.

Sadly, for Mr Walford, I never quite emulated the illustrious feats of Don Bradman who had toured in England in 1948 but my lifelong love of cricket certainly took root at Homefield where cricket was then the religion.



Jonathan Bell - Dressed for his first day at Homefield - 1949

David Frost (1951)

I am still in intermittent contact with one of my Homefield chums who has lived in Belfast for many years. We both lived on the Haigh Housing estate for officers' widows on the south side of Green Lane in Morden. Donald's father had been in the Indian Army Service Corps and was killed during the retreat from Burma; mine was killed when his submarine HMS P33 was sunk in late August 1941, months before I was born.

We travelled by bus each day into Cheam Village or into Sutton and the fare for us at 6 years old was 5d. No doubt, these days, our parents would be arrested for child neglect and we'd be taken into care for being allowed to travel alone on public transport at such a young age!

At that time, the school was on the old Grove Road site. I remember the day when torrential rainfall caused flooding inside the school buildings!

The water ran off the playing field, across the tarmac playground and into the rear of the school where the doorstep was worn. A ‘causeway’ of benches enabled us to move round without getting our feet wet. I guess today everyone would have been sent home but there were no snowflakes then!



Homefield School – Grove Road site

Life on the estate was, with hindsight, rather unusual. The majority of residents were widows mainly those whose husbands had been killed in WW1 but a few from WW2. Such men as there were, were all disabled, almost all wheelchair users although there was one very skilled blind carpenter, Captain Luckman. In The Sanctuary, where we lived, there were two other boys of our age. The grounds were and are extensive so there was plenty of space for adventures. I think I must have left Homefield at Easter 1951 to go boarding at Southey Hall in Great Bookham. When that closed in 1954, I went to the junior school at Hurstpierpoint before getting an exhibition to the senior school in 1955. I left aged 17, in December 1959 and joined the Royal Navy at Dartmouth in January 1960.

I had a very enjoyable career as a seaman officer before retiring in the summer of 1987. Initially I worked for BBC TV and then the World Service at Caversham before becoming the bursar of St Hilda's College from 1992-2001, when it was still all women. I have many fond memories of Homefield!



Sir Nicholas Young (1960 – 1965)

I loved my Homefield years. The school had some great teachers when I was there (1960-1965), and they introduced me to cricket, books, acting, travel, carpentry - and responsibility. I made some friendships which have lasted a lifetime. I arrived, I think, as quite a nervous little chap - and left feeling confident, happy, and grateful to the school for the start it had given me.

I attach a couple of pics - the cast of Toad of Toad Hall (I was the Washerwoman!), and the 1st XI team with Colin Cowdrey, who captained the Old Boys in 1964, and cruised to an easy 77 with one of the famous cut-down bats, on the school's beautiful cricket ground in Grove Road.



Toad of Toad Hall 1964

After I left Homefield, in 1965, and qualified as a commercial lawyer, I ended up running Macmillan Cancer Support, and then the British Red Cross, working in conflict and disaster areas all over the world. Before that I had worked, at various times, in a prison, the kitchens of a mental hospital, a German hospital, and on a yacht in the West Indies!



However, forget the knighthood and all that - my proudest moment is still being made Captain of cricket at Homefield!

Heartfelt thanks to Sir Nicholas Young for presenting the awards at our recent Upper School Prizegiving event.

Lindsay Walton (1960)

I went through the Junior and Senior Departments and left in the summer of 1960 with onward progression to KCS, Wimbledon. It was nostalgic to see some of those old pictures on the school website from my era, especially those of all the teachers that I remember so well - some good, some bad and some in the middle!!!! I remember Mr Chubb who taught at Homefield from his student days until his retirement and even deputised as Headmaster for a short while. The photo of the whole school from around 1957 was amazing as I could still name well over 25% of the pupils and all the staff!!! My time there obviously had a great effect on me.

I got my colours in all the sports teams and was vice captain of the 1st XV. In my last year, I shared the Victor Ludorum with Richard Truscott. Academically, I was middle of the road which didn't stop me from having a successful working life in the Oil Industry, ending up in international oil trading for many years. I retired from the rat race in 1994 and went into business with my passion for antique furniture restoration which I still get involved with and do a fair amount of work for the Royal Society for Science in London - a far cry from oil but extremely satisfying.

I played rugby for KCS, Wimbledon's 1st XV for three seasons ('63, '64 and '65) and then went on to the Old Boys' and from there down to Sussex to play for Hayward's Heath, East Grinstead and Brighton. I retired when I was 51 (maybe a little too long) after playing Vets rugby for Centaurs and Thamesians. My son and two grandsons are following in my footsteps.

I have played guitar in bands on and off throughout my life after it all started at Homefield with a skiffle group, encouraged by the carpentry master, comprised of myself, Simon Thomas, Simon Prudden and Tim Hayes.



Timothy Bridge (1957 – 1965)

My first teacher was Miss Clements, a lovely lady, who at the age of six, nurtured us all with her gentle kindness. At this point, we were housed in Grove Road. Next was a move across to "The Limes", where Miss Holmes and Miss Darling ran 2A and 2B respectively. Then, on to "Big School" and Mr Hedges, a wonderful avuncular character who operated in 3B. 3A came next, with Mr Herbert, a frightening ex rugby player who taught Maths and PE. On to 4B and Mr Greer, a very colourful fellow, who taught singing (in French!) took us away to Belgium, and generally entertained us. 5B was next and subject teachers suddenly began with different teachers delivering English, Maths, French, RE, Latin, History, Geography, Art and Science. Amazing times!

In 1962, three young male teachers arrived, who really made a difference: Trevor Worton, taught History and Cricket, Tony Packwood, Maths and PE and Nick Jones, Science and Rugby.

When I started, Michael Hall was Headmaster. In 1962, Martin Carnes arrived and took us boys on our first cruise! SS Dunera specialised in taking schoolboys abroad, a sensation for us. Flying to Venice to meet the boat, we saw Athens and other wonderful places over two magnificent weeks

I truly believe that everything I ever achieved was because of spending eight years at Homefield! Great days!

Hugh van Gennep (1965 – 1973)

By strange coincidence Homefield has been especially in my thoughts recently, as I realised in September that it will be 60 years since as a 5 year old, I started at Homefield.

Then the school was still located in Grove Road. I can still visualise everything about the layout of the buildings and general atmosphere and even certain smells!

I remember being assembled for the laying of the foundation stone of the new school in Western Road. I can remember the whole school being smartly assembled in our maroon blazers for the official opening of the new school building by World War 2 hero Group Captain Douglas Bader, of course at that time it was only 23 years since the end of the Second World War!

I can still vividly recall the first day in the new school building, the excitement, everything smelt new and fresh, very modern and almost futuristic. Although there was some familiarity as the old school desks and chairs had followed us from Grove Road. It was the summer term and my last term in the junior school in Miss Darling's class, before heading downstairs to the senior school in September 1968.

I was one of about four of us asked to appear in some photos in what I think was the school prospectus as well as in a publication called 'The History of Homefield'.

I was not especially academic or blessed with sporting ability, but as my father often told me "The world is for the average". However, in my last year I was head chorister in the school choir and finally got a prize at prize giving. In 1973 I moved on from Homefield to Epsom College, but it was the 8 years at Homefield that I think shaped and prepared me for the future and into the adult I became and is a period of my life I look back on warmly.

I came back to an old boys' dinner, once or twice, and we were given a guided tour by the headmaster at that time, to see how the school had developed and grown, and I am aware that it has expanded and parts of the original buildings developed into something of a more permanent structure.

I have had a varied career, and have proved that there is certainly more than one career in everybody. I have always enjoyed what I have done and done it to the best of my ability. I'm not sure how good a message that sends!

I loved my time at Homefield and had very happy memories. My oldest and closest friend is from Homefield days too so you are right to say that friendships are forged there.

'Chip' Braulick (1970 - 1973)

My father worked for Esso and he was transferred to the London office from New York, hence my time in England.

I was very fortunate to go to a traditional English School. My older sisters both went to the American School in London, so they did not get the same experience as me by any stretch. I was fully immersed and when I returned to the USA, everyone thought I was English due to my strong accent and my inability to handle the hot humid summer!

Gareth Jones (1989)

As someone who is 'in the business,' I can sympathise with the challenges the school has faced over the last few years. Having not lived in the area for some time, I must admit I had not seen that the school had so much building development going on. If I may, quite right too. The main building was a product of its time and it definitely needed to be modernised!

I was a pupil at the school when the Sports Hall was built on what was the old playground for the Pre-prep. This was circa 1986 and it felt state of the art at the time. I left in 1989 and from there went on to St John's, Leatherhead, before doing a gap year at Lichfield Cathedral School with Rev'd Andrew Walters who had been Head of Homefield in my latter years there.

Bjarne Sumelius 1949



I'm not sure if you have this photo which dates from 1949? The teacher is Miss Darling.

I am second from left in the back row, just behind the teacher's shoulder. Donald Fay is second from left in the front row kneeling beside her right knee. I moved back to Finland in 1959 and finished school in 1969. I graduated from Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne 1974, worked as a restaurant manager and finally Hotel Director at my hotel, retiring in 2005.

Mike Henwood

I was at the school from 1961-1970, in Ellis House (formerly known as Founders - the name was changed to Ellis after a donator who helped fund the new school during the move from Grove Road to Western Road in 1968). I have many happy memories of my time at Homefield, mostly related to playing team sports and friends made at the school. I went on to Epsom College, then University of Warwick, and I have recently retired from a career in civil engineering mostly with the engineering company WS Atkins. I met my wife at university. We have two daughters, and just recently, a grandson.

Andrew Lydon



There are so many stories that I can remember from my time at Homefield. For me, one of the teachers that inspired me academically was Mr George Stafford. He made maths an enjoyable subject. His occasional diversions helped to lighten the mood and made learning easier. It certainly helped me to pursue a career in engineering.

On the sports field and in the gym, I drew inspiration from Mr Nick Jones. We trained for several weeks before the gym display in front of the parents in the summer term. It was a great success with floor exercises as well as on the parallel bars and of course the coordinated Indian clubs display.

Ken Cole 1963 – 1971

A time of significant change and a great teacher

I attended Homefield as a pupil from 1963 to 1971. This coincided with the move from Grove Road to the current location in Western Road in 1968, and what a move it was too. The spacious, leafy site in Grove Road, with their somewhat dilapidated Victorian school buildings were replaced by a modern school on a far more compact site less than half a mile away. The physical move was accompanied by a start in a lasting cultural change too. Homefield had been a traditional preparatory school since its formation. Discipline and character building were seen, rightly, as a priority.

Yet the move to the new site also started a change in attitudes too, albeit slow to begin with.

The ethos of being caring and working as a team started to percolate through too. This may have been because of changes in wider social attitudes, but perhaps also by the new, brighter, classrooms that we all enjoyed.

One Homefield teacher, above all, made a significant contribution to my life journey. His name as Laurence Jones and he joined the school in the autumn of 1968 teaching French. From a personal perspective I remember him for three things. In the space of three years, he took me from being a very mediocre pupil in French to the point where in 1974 I passed my GCE O level in the subject having had to do only a minimal amount of work to achieve a reasonable grade. Furthermore, he did this with nearly the whole class through carefully structured and enjoyable teaching. Then there was his approach to discipline. While other teachers resorted to shouting and the 'slipper' to maintain classroom discipline, Laurence Jones did it with body language and tone of voice. Little did I realise at the time how I would come to emulate this approach in my working life, perhaps not as well as he did.

Then there was his encouragement for his pupils. He showed interest in their hobbies and was a great communicator with pupils and parents alike. I had developed an interest in geology at Homefield when I was 9 from another teacher. Laurence Jones helped me develop this interest and was keen to know about my modest discoveries at the time.

Nearly 60 years later I am still an amateur enthusiast, albeit with a considerably enhanced collection and lots of self-acquired knowledge.

Homefield and Laurence Jones gave me that and I remain forever grateful.



Kamran Adjepong

Attending Trinity School and enjoying new opportunities related to music.

Chris Allen

Medicine student at KCL, currently in his 2nd year.

Iain Baillie

Former financial markets professional, married with four children, living near Burford, Oxfordshire.

Ashwin Banerjee

Attended King's College School, Wimbledon, and is now studying Medicine at Imperial College London.

Richard Barber

Dulwich College alumnus, Philosophy graduate, now with JLL in estate agency; lives in Streatham Hill.

Richard James Barry

St Edmund's College, Ware, alumnus who worked in shipping before retraining as a structural engineer. Retired in 2001 after a career in building and civil engineering.

Arjun Batish

Warwick Classics graduate; qualified accountant working as a finance analyst in insurance, focusing on strategy and forecasting.

Michael Bennett

Ardingly College 1966-71. Started a career in IT after leaving Ardingly and worked for several companies over the years with the final position of business analyst at the European head office of Fender Musical Instruments. Retired in 2016 and now enjoys walking, fishing and travel.

Joshua Beukes

Attending City of London Freeman's School and is enjoying life.

Crispin Brown

Retired operations manager, living in France, active in building an aerobatic aircraft, and enjoys time with family.



Justin Brown

Violinist, session and studio musician, with a music scholarship from St. John's, Leatherhead, and History degree from London University.

Peter Brown

Worked in international business and technology, now semi-retired, enjoys travel, photography, and spending time with family.

Nicholas Cavaliere

A student at Epsom College, which he is thoroughly enjoying.

Rohan Chandran Eldred

Attended Kingswood House Prep and Sutton Grammar. Currently in Year 12.

Adrian Chedore

CEO of Synovate, moved to Hong Kong in 1979, now part-retired and consulting after a successful career.

Jonathan Cheng

Alumnus of Wilson's School, now studying at Imperial College London.

Ian Clarence

Developer at Qual Limited, worked at Phillips and Redhill, educated at Chinthurst, St John's, and University of Kent.

Andrew Clark

Graphic designer and internet marketer, living in Spain; previously worked in IT consultancy and taught design.

Jonathan Clark

Geologist in oil, environmental, and consultancy sectors, retired in 2018; worked globally in Brazil, Asia, and the UK.

Ken Cole

Former career civil servant and business consultant that became a leading expert in contract and relationship management, now semi-retired in Englefield Green; married with three grown children.

Simon Collins

Former Royal Navy Commander, now Business Director at Chemring; lives in Somerset with wife and three children.

Liam Colohan

Went to Epsom College, a school he describes as very friendly and enjoyable.

George Coppen

Marlborough College graduate whose diverse career included service with the Seaforth Highlanders, archaeological work, teaching, ministry, and psychotherapy. Retired to Ross-shire, enjoying life despite uncertain politics.

Terence (Terry) Coupland

Trained in medicine at Barts and emigrated to Australia, specialising in anesthesia. Worked internationally, including stints in the Middle East, Hong Kong, and Brunei. Currently part-time as a private anesthetist in Toowoomba, Queensland, enjoying life in Australia.

Geoff Cox

Loughborough graduate, ran own business, now semi-retired; active in environmental projects and with partner since 1993.

Stephen Davis

RN specialist in Learning Disabilities turned medical sales recruiter. Now in direct care, living in upstate New York.

Neill Denny

Journalist and co-editor of Book Brunch; Dulwich College alumnus, specialising in publishing and retail coverage.

Alex Douglas

Wilson's Grammar and Trinity School alumnus; aspiring aerospace engineer. University application for 2026.

Jay Evemy

Currently at Trinity School and enjoying cricket both in and out of school.

Donald Fay

Electrical engineer with a career at International Computers, Ford Motor Company, and Queens University Belfast. Now retired.

Harry Fish

Attending City of London Freeman's School.

Jonty Foley

Whitgift School alumnus, ex-tech startup professional; plans to travel after retiring in 2020.

Hugh van Gennepe

Sales and marketing professional, followed by 12 years working in the Prison Service and 5 years for the DWP. Now retired and living in Sussex.

Boyd Goldie

Epsom College graduate, now Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon; enjoys sailing.

Tim Goodman

Retired, former fire insurance professional, active coach, charity trustee, and chairman of a local motorcycle safety group.

Erik Goryashin

Currently in Year 9 at Eltham College and enjoying his time there.

Stephen Hammer

KCS Wimbledon alumnus, works in pensions for Lafarge Holcim; manages a UK multi-billion-pound scheme.

Robin Hartland

Sutton Grammar student applying to study physics at university; accomplished trumpet player (Grade 8 distinction), active in music and electronics projects.

Mike Henwood

Epsom College alumnus, Civil Engineer, married with two daughters, now retired, living in Beckenham, Kent.

Guy Holloway

Cambridge English graduate, co-founder, and Head of an independent all-through school; formerly worked in PR.

Will Holmes

Former ski instructor and sports coach; now a personal trainer based in the Swiss Riviera.

Jamie Hossain

Finance professional with private equity firm; Sutton Grammar alumnus, Army Reservist, and infrastructure/energy project manager.

Wesley Hsu

Sutton Grammar alumnus; achieved 5 A*s in A-levels. Studying Aeronautical Engineering at Imperial College London (top 10% of cohort). Officer Cadet in the University of London's Officer Training Corps, sponsored by the British Army. Plans to join the Regular Army in 2026.

Harry Humphreys

Moved from Homefield to Box Hill School and now at Godalming College. Harry currently playing for the National 7s team and Surrey.

Humayun Ali Husain

Joined King's College, Wimbledon, and is currently studying A-levels there.

Jonathan Isaby

Political journalist, author and commentator; former Tax Payers' Alliance CEO, now Growth Commission director and press secretary to a former Prime Minister.

Muhammad Jaffer

WCGS and Cambridge graduate; Investment Banker at Rothschild.

Nicholas Jefferies

Retired Army Anesthetist, now part-time NHS work, living in rural NE Lincs with wife, daughter, dogs, and animals.

**Roland John**

KCS, Wimbledon, alumnus and founder of Hippopotamus Press, publishing poetry and criticism. A poet, translator, and writer who built a career through creative ventures.

Roger Johnstone

Retired IT professional, former Midlands Electricity and West Midlands Police employee, lives in Wolverhampton with wife and dogs.

Gareth Jones

Headmaster at St Andrew's Prep, Eastbourne; previously English and History teacher at The Dragon School, Oxford.

Robert Kendall

Retired Chartered Accountant, former Group Finance Director, passionate about golf, gardening, and a variety of sports.

Brian Kibble

Bank of England employee turned Councillor for Epsom and Ewell for 20 years, serving as Mayor in 1991/92 and now an Honorary Alderman. Longstanding Governor and Chairman of Cuddington Croft Primary School. Now retired.

Warren King

Epsom College sports scholar; represented South England in rugby, county-level athlete in various sports; Medical Sales Manager.

Walton Lindsay

Retired international oil trader, antique restorer, guitarist in a trio, rugby fan, married with two children and grandsons.

Guy Locke

Solicitor living in the Cayman Islands since 1995; Bryanston School and UEA graduate, formerly with large City firms.

Andrew Lydon

Civil Engineer, married with three children, transitioning to retirement, and taking up golf.

Adrian M. Maitland

Retired Barrister and legal translator, worked across multiple languages; brother of journalist Jonathan Maitland.

John Manos

Former journalist and editor at UK Health Security Agency; plans to retire to Greece after a career in publishing.

James Mercieca

Moved to City of London Freeman's School after Year 8 and continued his passion for sports, especially rugby. Now studying Chemistry as an undergraduate at the University of Bath.

Harry Messent.

Completed his bachelors in biochemistry at Bath and currently a PhD student at the University of Cambridge, studying medical sciences.

Michael Moryson

Attended Homefield from 1954 to 1958, before going to Merchant Taylors'. Qualified as a chartered accountant in 1969, and travelled extensively in Nepal, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Alaska. Upon return to the UK, joined Deloitte in London. Retired in 2007.

Ved Nathwani

Currently studying GCSEs/IGCSEs at Reigate Grammar School. Continues passions developed at Homefield.

Ranjeet Nayyar

Leeds graduate, retired from family clothing imports business, now property renting, and keeps in touch with old classmates.

James O'Flynn

Currently studying at Box Hill School.

Rohan Patel

Rohan is a current 4th Year Medical Student at UCL. Rohan completed an Intercalated BSc in Cardiovascular Science in 2024. He was Head Boy at Homefield in 2016 before graduating to Dulwich College where he was Vice-Captain. Alongside his studies, Rohan enjoys playing competitive cricket.

Tejas Patel

Excelled in IGCSEs and accepted unconditionally to Oxford Brookes for International Business. In his first year with an internship at Goldman Sachs and aspiring to be a Central Underwriter for New Technology.

Dan Pearce

Real Estate Underwriting Manager at Ecclesiastical Insurance; Wilson's Grammar alumnus with 15+ years in insurance.

Lee Ming Quek

Currently at Westminster School, working on IGCSEs

Tom Reed

Educated at Charterhouse School, in Year 9. Pursuing an academic and musical career at school.

Rhys Reeves

Home-schooled after leaving Homefield (Year 4), later attended Carshalton Boys Sports College (GCSEs and A-levels). Currently studying Criminology at the University of Kent, active in MMA society, and exploring competitive participation.

Anthony Robinson

Served in the Royal Navy, now semi-retired.

Shrey Sachdeva

Kings College Wimbledon alumnus. Currently pursuing a BSc in Business and Management at the University of Exeter.

Yusuf Saleem

At Whitgift School, enjoying school life, and aiming for excellent grades.

Zhangir Satzhanov

Attending City of London Freeman's School and is very happy with his experience.

Abraham Sharif

Attended Whitgift School. Continues sprinting after breaking two school records, with an improvement of 1.5 seconds in his time.

Louis Sheils

Boarding student at St. Columbus College, Dublin; plans to study History at Erasmus Rotterdam University.

Huw Shopland

Sutton Grammar student (Year 10), preparing for GCSEs. Interested in engineering and enjoys rugby, a passion developed at Homefield.

Maxwell Smethurst

Aspiring film and digital photographer and future Psychologist studying at the University of Reading.

Eustace St John Thomas

Westminster School alumnus who established and later sold his own insurance broking business. Active in local sports and committees.

Graham Standwell

Cranleigh School alumnus with an M.Litt and PhD from Durham University. Now retired.



Charles Stoker

Former accountant with a career spanning London, Norfolk, and Ealing. Now runs a charity supporting the homeless in Hanwell.

Bjarne Sumelius

Moved back to Finland and worked in the hotel and restaurant business for 34 years before retiring in 2005.

Antony Taylor

Retired language tutor splitting time between Cornwall and Spain; former Head of Languages at Lingfield and Truro High.

Caelen Tinker-Fritzon

After leaving Homefield, attended Cheam Common Juniors and progressed to Year 6. Now in Year 7 at Glenthorne High School and is very happy there.

Joel Thomas-Bagley

Attended Royal Alexandra and Albert School, which he describes as encouraging self-expression and individuality.

Matthew Thomas

After attending CLFS, he achieved A*AA and is now at the University of Nottingham in the 3rd and final year, studying politics and international relations. Next year, he intends to do a Masters in security and terrorism, while also playing for the men's football team.

Will Trefusis

Monkton Combe graduate; on a gap year (2016-17), preparing to launch a private aviation business focused on desynchronosis.

Marcus Tsui

Attended City of London Freeman's School and continues his studies there.

Ben Turner

Geography and Global Security graduate; Civil Servant specialising in Free Trade Agreement negotiations.

Lindsay Walton

Retired International Oil Trader, antique collector and restorer, guitarist, traveller, passionate rugby player and family man with wife, son, daughter and two grandsons.

Iain Wakefield

Former doctor, now semi-retired near Auckland on a small farm; past Rotary International District Governor.

Jeremy Walmisley

Wilson's Grammar School alumnus, currently working as a Fire Door Inspector.

Bruce Watson

KCS alumnus, European Studies graduate; part-time staff at St George's Church, Deal since 2013.

Guy Watson

KCS Wimbledon and Sheffield University alumnus who worked in the steel industry and later joined HM Factory Inspectorate (now the HSE). Retired in 1995 due to multiple sclerosis and has since lived in Worcester.

Stephen Watson

Dulwich College graduate, accountant in Milton Keynes; married with four stepchildren and five step-grandchildren. Stephen left Homefield in 1971 for Dulwich College and later earned a Business Studies degree from Coventry University. He worked as an accountant in printing and publishing.

David Wilkinson

Retired from taxation at the Science and Technology Facilities Council, occasionally advises on VAT for the research community.

Michael Williams

Interior designer by profession. Now retired and enjoying life in the Italian countryside.

Jeremy Williamson

Epsom College alumnus; worked in leasing, finance, and facilities management; now runs a consultancy business.

Umer Yar

Attending Whitgift School and studying Architecture at UAL St Martin's Campus.

Nicholas Young

Former commercial lawyer, charity CEO, including Red Cross UK; now retired, consulting, and serving as a charity trustee and adviser.

Sameer Zaman

KCS, Wimbledon, and KCL Medicine alumnus; currently an NHS Cardiologist.

A Future Generation of Homefield Old Boys'

We would be delighted to welcome the next generation of your family to Homefield.

As an Old Boy, you understand the rich heritage and strong traditions that have shaped Homefield for generations. We are incredibly proud of our past, and our ongoing, significant investment in state-of-the-art facilities ensures we are truly equipping our boys for the future.

With purpose-built classrooms, state-of-the-art STEAM and Computing suites, dedicated music, art and design facilities, an outstanding Performance Hall, and an all-weather sports pitch, Homefield continues to evolve—offering an exceptional learning environment that prepares boys for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

We encourage you to consider Homefield for your sons and grandsons, allowing them to benefit from the same outstanding start in life that you experienced, now enhanced with facilities that truly prepare them for tomorrow's world.

Please contact

registrar@homefieldprep.school for details on how to book a tour of the school and register your interest.

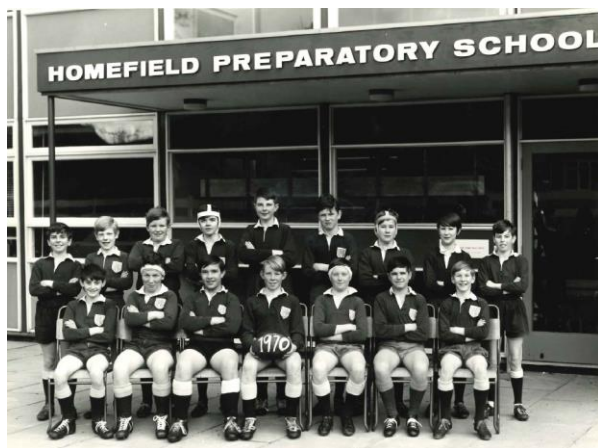
Some extracts from the Homefield scrapbook:



Under XI Football Team 1967



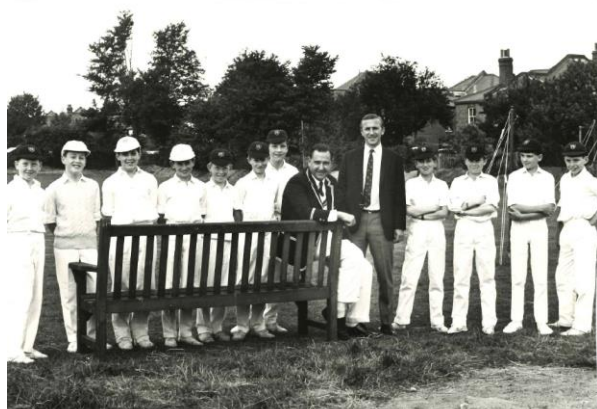
The Homefield Centenary 1970



1st XV Rugby 1970



1st XI Cricket 1969



1st XI Cricket v Old Boys' with Mr Colin Cowdrey



Cricket matches between Homefield and the Sutton Ladies were an annual fixture before the 1st World War. This photo, provided by E A Kirwan-Taylor, records the 1913 teams and includes Rupert Gray (left) and Charles Walford (right).



Matron, Mrs Eileen Slater, oversees the dining room at Homefield, pre the move to the current site.



In 1970, the school’s centenary was marked by a week of celebrations, and Mrs Connie Sainsbury (formerly Miss Connie Bomford) planted a tree in memory of her parents.

Enduring Friendships and Connections

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our ‘Open House’ event on the 1st July, where our senior boys thoroughly enjoyed leading tours of the school. We hope to see you again at future events!

Please do get in touch with us to share your exploits and adventures with the Homefield community, and if you are in contact with any Homefield Old Boys’ who may have missed out on receiving this newsletter, please do encourage them to get in touch with us via:

sharmes@homefieldprep.school

We would be delighted to receive any memorabilia that you hold – we could scan any photos and return them safely to you as we strive to extend what is currently held in our archives.



Your Legacy, their Future



HARP

Homefield Alumni
Recognition Programme

**FOR BOYS IN
YEARS 3, 4 AND 5**

HARP is a newly launched award scheme designed to recognise boys’ achievements in non-examined subjects such as music, drama, art, and sport.

These awards are a public celebration of pupils’ talent and commitment and can be seen as a form of internal scholarship.

Recipients will be awarded £50 or £100 to further their interest in their chosen area and will be invited to give a short presentation in assembly on how they used the funding.

Please click on the link below for details on how to donate:

<https://shorturl.at/6shxT>